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<b>Interview Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/041,789	<b>Applicant(s)</b> BIELEFELD ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b> Jennifer I Thissell	<b>Art Unit</b> 3635	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Jennifer I Thissell. (3)\_\_\_\_\_.

(2) Henry Feiereisen. (4)\_\_\_\_\_.

Date of Interview: 22 April 2003 .

Type: a)☒ Telephonic b)☐ Video Conference  
c)☐ Personal [copy given to: 1)☐ applicant 2)☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d)☐ Yes e)☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_ .

Claim(s) discussed: 1,3 and 17 .

Identification of prior art discussed: Nimmrichter (EP 0828052 A2), Schock et al. (U.S. 4,492,063) .

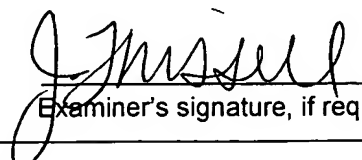
Agreement with respect to the claims f)☐ was reached. g)☐ was not reached. h)☒ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet .

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Examiner's signature, if required

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant's representative suggested amending claim 1 to include the limitations of claims 3 and 17, in order to further define stiffening elements made of metal, and stiffening elements that form partition walls between two of the inner chambers, so as to overcome the 102 rejection based on Schock et al. ('063). Applicant also pointed out that Nimmrichter's metal elements could not be considered "stiffening" elements, because the reference points out that the elements 25 should be kept to a minimum so as to not adversely affect the entire profile. The Examiner will provide a translation in order to further verify the function of elements 25. Assuming this informal translation is valid, and that the elements 25 somehow weaken the entire profile, the Examiner stated that the proposed changes would appear to overcome the Nimmrichter reference. However, it was pointed out that any changes to the scope of the claims would not be entered as this case is After Final. If an RCE or equivalent was to be filed, an additional search as well as additional review of the cited prior art would be required .